

TELEPHONE RATE HEARING COMING

Arizona Corporation Commission
In the matter of the investigation by the Arizona Corporation Commission upon its own initiative into the lawfulness of the rates and charges of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company in Flagstaff, Arizona.

NOTICE AND ORDER

It Appearing, That the Commission did, on July 27, 1914, issue an order directed to the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, requiring them to appear before the Commission on August 12, 1914, to show cause why the Commission should not issue an order modifying Special Order No. 19 issued October 22, 1912, changing the Flagstaff, Arizona, telephone exchange from "A" class to "B" class; and

It Further Appearing, That by petition filed August 6, 1914, The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company requested a considerable extension of time beyond August 12, 1914, in which to comply with the order of the Commission; and

It Further Appearing, That informal complaint was filed by the Common Council of Flagstaff on May 4, 1915, wherein it is alleged that the rates then being demanded and collected by The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company for telephone service in Flagstaff are exorbitant and "prohibitive to the general welfare of the town;" and

It Further Appearing, That the Commission in its Special Order No. 19, Docket No. 8, issued October 22, 1912, approved certain classifications of towns and cities within Arizona, including the Town of Flagstaff, and that in said Special Order No. 19, the Commission stated: "We are of the opinion that any schedule of rates provided for at this time for universal consolidated service must necessarily be arbitrary in its nature and therefore should be made conditional and for a stated temporary period," and that its said Special Order No. 19 was limited to January 1, 1914; and

It Further Appearing, That the Commission should, upon its own initiative, make investigation and determine and prescribe reasonable rates for telephone rental and service to be made and charged in Flagstaff and vicinity; notice is hereby given and it is ordered:

NOTICE AND ORDER

Notice is hereby given to the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, and all interested, that the Commission will, at ten o'clock A. M., on September 22, 1915, at the court house in Flagstaff, Arizona, hold a public hearing and make an investigation of the rates, charges, service and property of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, embraced within the exchange limits of the City of Flagstaff, and will thereafter and upon the evidence adduced at such hearing, issue such order or orders as the circumstances and conditions appear to require.

Arizona Corporation Commission,
F. A. JONES,
Chairman
A. W. COLE,
W. P. GEARY,
Members

Dated at Phoenix, Arizona, June 23, 1915.
Attest:
F. L. BANTA,
Acting Secretary.

More Democratic Trouble

The Arizona corporation commission is dead-locked over the question of choosing a secretary. P. J. Miller, formerly member of the state tax commission and defeated for re-election at the last general election, is the most likely candidate and has the outspoken support of commissioner Geary. Commissioner Jones, it is thought, favors the appointment of William Sangster, at present an expert accountant employed by the commission, but for the continuation of which appointment the legislature made no provision. Commissioner Cole has been placed in the embarrassing position of having promised support to several candidates.

Big Forest Fire at Schulz Pass

There was an exciting forest fire at Schulz Pass last Saturday which covered an area of over 600 acres before it was gotten under control. The entire logging camp was turned out for the fight and worked all day and part of the night before it was held in check. The fire originated along the track and run through the big slash made by logging operations and through some standing timber. There is some doubt as to what caused the fire.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION OF THE ALIEN LABOR LAW

Ray, June 8th.—A newspaper article appearing in a Spanish publication was the cause of excitement here yesterday of sufficient consequence for Sheriff Hall to swear in a number of extra deputies. The article in question quoted a speech which had been made by a prominent Mexican at Vera Cruz, in which he predicted that Mexico would be forced to declare war against the United States within a week.

The Mexicans in camp, sympathizing with the idea expressed in the article, held a meeting at which addresses of loyalty to Mexico were delivered. The attendance at the meeting was sufficient to cause the skipping of a shift in the mine, which was the basis of a rumor that the mine was closed by reason of a strike. The men this morning returned to work. There were no disturbances.

Old Apache Road Scenic One

District Forester A. C. Ringland was in Flagstaff Monday, having come up from the Tonto rim country overland. He has just completed a trip along the old Apache road and thinks it is one of the scenic wonders of Arizona. Mr. Ringland will have the road gone over by a road expert for the Forest Service with a view of having it made a scenic route through the forests. The route is a beautiful one but so far inland and the expense of building is almost too great to it a popular route.

Marriage Licenses Issued

June 25—Tiburcio Jauren to Lorenza Aguirre, both of Flagstaff.
June 28—Victor Gomez to Santa Crusta Soto, both of Flagstaff.

INVENTS STREET CROSSING FOR INCONVENIENCE

Some genius has invented a new crossing which will be one of the wonders of the west and one that people will go miles to see. In the center of the crossing are four, nice deep runways for use of automobiles to prevent their jarring when they pass over the crossing. Taking the crossing at an angle it is a bump the bumps stunt, consequently drivers will have to cut around and strike the grooves squarely. This was intended for the use of vehicles. The genius overlooked the fact that years ago street crossings were intended for foot passengers to keep out of the mud. Of late years submarine ones were put in and now some inventor has arranged it so foot passengers will have to go out around rather than stumble across these ditches. Spikes and barbed wire might have been just as effectively used to prevent the use of the crossing.

It isn't probable the city council will adopt the new anti-crossing and that the experiment will be quickly filled up.

BIDS ON PRINTING AND BIDS ON OTHER GOODS

The Longmont Call takes a whirl at the business of "shopping" around among job printing offices which every job printer in the state should read and on which he may reflect with profit. The job printing business is the most thoroughly demoralized business in the world. Nine out of ten people peddle a two-dollar job among the shops in the hope of getting it for \$1.39—and they usually are successful.

It is contemptible practice, for which the printers themselves are to blame. Concerning the Call's position, Brother Johnson says:

"The Call runs a job printing establishment in connection with the Daily and Weekly Call. We claim to run the business on strict business principles. We have one price for printing and do not cut on the price to curry favor with anybody. We charge fair living rates to everybody and claim that is the only just way to make a living and pay our debts. We do not wish to bid for a two-dollar job of printing. Those who think it is necessary to have bids for a little job of printing in order to keep them from being held up are invited to go elsewhere for their work. When the Call man is in the market for a hat or suit of clothes or a sack of flour or a skin of meat we do not take in bids. If we felt it to be necessary to take bids for supplies from a store to protect ourselves from being robbed, we would not patronize that store. Printers are probably just as honest as the common run men. Those who ask for bids always hope to get their work done cheaper than the other fellow. We do not want that sort of work."

FLAGSTAFF WILL HAVE ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS

The city council have decided upon ornamental street lights for the downtown district, an improvement that will be a splendid investment and give the city a real up to date appearance. They are to go in with the paved streets in the next month.

With this much accomplished the council may rest assured that civic pride backed by the Woman's Club and the citizens generally, there will be no backward movement in the onward progress of Flagstaff, the city beautiful.

The main regret, expressed by people generally, is that streets were not originally laid out wider, but even this defect may be remedied later as the city grows and the builders realize the need.

AUTOMOBILES PRAIRIE DOGS TO LAST HAPPY HOME

Whether or not Judge Harrington and Undertaker Whipple are the inventors of the new method of killing prairie dogs, we do not know, though the use of it in this section was first used by them. They actually kill prairie dogs with a Ford automobile. That's the plan.

Some may think at the outset that they run them down and put them in the machine and ride them a couple miles.

Others may get the idea that passing by the residence of the prairie dog in a Ford kills them.

But these guesses are not correct. Judge Harrington, the executioner and owner of a Ford is also a home-steader. Prairie dogs have bit into his crops, gnawed and otherwise hounded his prosperity this year, and in direct retaliation and in accordance with the pure food laws, the laws protecting criminals from punishment, as well as the soapless booklet on black hand, he has Forded hundreds of them out of existence.

In truth he backs his Ford up to a prairie dog hole, connects a hose to his exhaust, sticks the hose down into the hole, and away goes the burned gasoline gas right into the prairie dogs front parlor. About a half minute of this, then the Judge tamps the top of the hole down and is off for the next murder.

So far the Judge affidavits, not one of these doctored holes have ever been opened by the resident prairie dog or dogs that lived there and he is confident that that squatter is dead indefinitely.

Being truthful, the Judge does not claim that this can not be done with any other machine, but so far it has only been done by a Ford.

Metz Barber Shop Sold

John Metz sold out his barber shop on Aspen avenue to Pius Falder, who took over the shop on July 1st. Metz will continue to manage the shop for a time at least while Falder will continue at the old stand.

STATE LABOR UNIONS MAY NOT MEET IN FLAGSTAFF

The Miami locals have received the following, which would seem to indicate that the next state convention of the Federation of Labor will be held at some city other than Flagstaff, Arizona:

"Phoenix, Ariz., June 3, 1915.

"To All Affiliated Unions, Greeting:
"At the last convention of the A. S. F. of L., held in Phoenix, Oct. 5 to 9, 1914, that body voted to hold the next convention in Flagstaff, but that the only affiliated union in that city (the bartenders) have returned their charter, it looks as if we would have to select another convention city for 1915.

"Therefore we would like to have all locals take this matter up and let us know as soon as possible, what action was taken. The date for the convention is drawing near and as I must have the duplicate credentials to all locals sixty days previous to the assembling of the convention, therefore it is time we were doing something along the line of selecting a place to meet.

"Trusting your organization will take action at once, I beg to remain,
"Fraternally yours,
"B. T. WILKINSON,
Secretary Treasurer A. S. F. of L."

Confection Den Changes Hands

M. A. Murphy has sold the Confection Den to Bert May who took charge of that nifty candy and bakery shop the first of the month. Mr. May has had considerable experience along that line and will keep up the standard of that popular place.

WILLIAM BABBITT WILL BECOME A BENEDICT

William Babbitt left yesterday morning for San Francisco on one of the real important journeys of life. During the next week, the exact date is not announced, he will be married to Miss Elizabeth Roach, a young lady well known in Flagstaff where she made her home several years ago, later returning to her home in San Francisco.

The bride to be is a splendid little lady who will receive a warm welcome in Flagstaff among the many friends she made while here.

Mr. Babbitt is one of the largest stock owners in Arizona, a genius in his line of business whose name is known from old Mexico to Kansas and in reality one of nature's noblemen whose friends are counted among those with as well as those without a dollar.

DOUBLE MURDER DONE AT ALLENTOWN ARIZONA

Curt Cronmeyer, one of the most prominent business men of western New Mexico, with extensive interests also in Arizona, and "Red" McDonald, his hired man, were found dead at the Cronmeyer trading store near Allentown, Ariz., Saturday morning, the victims of a mysterious double murder.

On Friday night, about 8 o'clock, a telephone call was received at Houck, Ariz., and a voice believed to have Cronmeyer's cried into the receiver, "We are shot. Send help quick, quick, quick!" The Santa Fe railroad pump and section foreman went at once on horseback, and on arrival at the trading store found McDonald dead behind the counter of the store and Cronmeyer dead on the bed. McDonald was shot through the eye and breast and trading checks and a box of crackers lay on the counter, indicating that the dead man had been waiting on a customer at the time of the shooting. Cronmeyer was shot through the hand and abdomen. A Winchester rifle with one empty shell and covered with blood, lay beside him.

Footprints and drops of blood show that Cronmeyer had run around the house two or three times, either chasing or being chased by some one. A bloody hand print at a mirror in the room indicated that he had stopped to look at his reflection in the mirror. There was another bloody hand print on the floor of the kitchen, where he either fell or stooped.

There is absolutely no clue to the perpetrator of the double murder. An overcoat with the name of Ned Nunez was found in the house, but it had been there a long time and furnishes nothing on which to base a theory. Cronmeyer was known to have had several enemies, and it is said that threats had been made against him.

Cronmeyer was a wealthy man and owned a large estate in Germany. The bodies have been brought to Gallup and will be buried here tomorrow.—Albuquerque Journal.

Two New City Ordinances

The city council recently passed two new ordinances one against bootlegging with a penalty of from \$25 to \$300 for a violation thereof; also one against carrying of concealed weapons. Both ordinances are new ones and have not heretofore been a crime against the peace and good order of the city. Gun toters were usually cared for by county authorities.

Small Gasoline Blaze

Bell & Hall, the tailors had an exciting experience with a gasoline fire in the rear of their shop Monday. In some way a ladies coat they were cleaning suddenly blazed up and started things going. Luckily it was in the open out side the shop or the damage might have been serious, as it was Hall burned his hands and arms quite severely in saving other clothing. Two coats were burned up in the fire.

Late Trains are not on Time

The fact that trains are marked up on time and come in all the way from a half hour to an hour and a half late does not seem to increase the good nature of the traveling public. The local operators mark up time as they get it, but it does seem as though the official who gives them the wrong time, if at all, should be allowed to stand on his head a few days until his grey matter drops back into place, or be given the same certainty as to the hour of his meals for a few months. The present depot accommodations are not so elegantly appointed that people care to camp there when it isn't necessary.

GRAND BAZAAR AT THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

To commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Catholic Parish at Flagstaff, the Ladies of the church of the Nativity will hold a Grand Bazaar at the Catholic school from the 7th to the 9th of July inclusive.

On July the 6th there will be at the Majestic Theatre a picture show and dance at the regular price. The show will start at 7:45 p. m. sharp. Refreshments will be served after the show, and during the dance.

On July the 7th, at 2 p. m. the Bazaar will open in the Catholic school and will last until the 9th of July.

Remember that during those three days all kinds of opportunities will be afforded to all for genuine enjoyment. There will be children's drills, musical numbers, reading and a rollicking comedy "Borrowing Trouble" by local talent. Among the many attractions will be fishing ponds, Jack Horner pie, grab-bag, shooting gallery, candy and fancy work booths.

To relieve the patrons of the fair of the necessity of going home for something to eat, refreshments of great variety will be served every afternoon and evening. For those who are in need of exercise and are fond of physical culture or calisthenics, dancing will be provided every night. Those who believe in taking a chance at anything will have ample opportunity to gratify their desire.

Everybody is cordially invited to assist in making this celebration a success of no mean proportions both socially and financially. Come and join us.

THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE

AT LAST ARIZONA MAY HAVE NEW STATE HISTORY

State Historian Thomas E. Farish has entered into a contract with F. P. Baptist & Co., for the publication of the two completed volumes of the history of the state. The contract requires that the printed copies shall be ready for delivery by October 1st. The work will be done by Filmer Bros. of San Francisco, publishers for the Bancroft company. The contract calls for 7,000 copies of each volume. The volume will contain approximately 350 pages each. The size of the volumes will be five and a quarter by eight and a half inches. The books will be bound in a handsome wine colored cloth. There will be stamped in gold on the front cover the title of the work, "History of Arizona," and the name of the historian, "Thomas Edwin Farish," on the back there will be stamped in gold the title, the work "Farish" and the volume number.

The paper is of an excellent quality, and altogether, the books will be creditable to the state. There will be numerous illustrations, mostly portraits. Each volume will also contain a map. The map in the first volume will be that of Tucson at the time of the entrance of Americans into it when it was the only walled town in North America.

TRIAL JURORS DRAWN

FOR JULY TERM OF COURT

The following list of trial jurors drawn to serve at the July jury session:

- 1 William Burns McCurdy
- 2 Frank W. Hesser
- 3 Jesse I. Bushnell
- 4 Gabriel Abeytia
- 5 Frank Spear
- 6 Thomas J. Downey
- 7 King W. Baker
- 8 James W. Hussey
- 9 Harry Dee Boulin
- 10 Frank Surfoss
- 11 Mathew Cook
- 12 Jos Farrell
- 13 James Haley
- 14 Wm. D. Grant
- 15 George T. Herrington
- 16 George Simpson
- 17 Harry T. Barrick
- 18 Emery A. Adams
- 19 Thomas B. Jolliff
- 20 Frank Vance
- 21 W. T. Finch
- 22 John W. Baillie
- 23 John W. Watson
- 24 Louis F. Wesley
- 25 Fred McGahey
- 26 Jefferson D. Tennehill
- 27 Wm. G. Evans
- 28 Fred L. Austin
- 29 Henry L. Carmen
- 30 Walter W. Goode.

Meet to Discuss Drift Fence

All cattle men who hold permits on the Forest and who are interested in the proposed drift fence to run from the L. E. Hart ranch to Riordan, will please meet at the L. E. Hart ranch on July 7th at 10 o'clock, to discuss the proposed fence with forest officials.

MAN DISAPPEARS ALONG OAK CREEK

A middle aged German, who had been living at Joseph Farley's place on Oak Creek, near Sedona, disappeared suddenly Saturday and when he failed to return, search was made for him unavailing. Monday Coroner Harrington, County Attorney C. B. Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Murray went to Oak Creek and remained until Tuesday searching for the missing man. Grab hooks were used in the deep holes along the creek, and signs of him were found in the sand along the creek. At one place a large quantity of blood-soaked sand was found with a couple safety razor blades near it; at another place his coat containing \$50 in money was found, but all earlier in the week.

He was suffering, it is said, with tuberculosis and had previously made the remark that "he might just as well end it all at once," this gave rise to the possibility of suicide, and the subsequent search. A searching party was left hunting for him with a reward of \$25 if he was found.

He was a cook by occupation and had been cooking for some road making outfit south before going to the Farley ranch to stay.

Later—Thursday morning coroner Harrington was notified that the body of the man had been found in the deep water hole along the creek about a half mile from the Farley ranch. His skull was crushed in, but it is thought this was done when the water hole was dynamited by the searching party earlier in the week.

The man's name was Albert Flickenshiner and aside from this nothing much was known of him. He had undoubtedly committed suicide. Coroner Harrington, County Attorney Wilson and Dr. Thos. P. Manning left yesterday for Oak Creek to hold an inquest on the body.

SOUTHERN VISITORS ARE COMING TO SUMMER CAMPS

The Mullen camp at Oak Creek has again been established this summer and friends and relatives of the Mullen families are now either there or are on the way to camp for their summer vacations. J. O. Mullen, superintendent of the Tempe high and grammar schools, left Saturday with August Pavell by automobile for the camp. Mrs. Mullen and Miss Gussie Pavell left last night by rail for Flagstaff from whence they journey to the camp at Oak Creek by wagon. J. B. Mullen and Mrs. G. B. Carr were first at camp and by now have it well established for the members of the party who will join them this week. Superintendent Mullen will spend July at camp and will leave early in August for the coast to take in the exposition and to attend the annual convention of the National Education at Oakland.—Phoenix Republican.

ERNEST WHEAT MARRIES MISS ORMOND AT PHOENIX

Miss Kathryn Ormond, daughter of Deputy State Auditor and Mrs. J. B. Ormond, and Ernest Wheat of Flagstaff were married at 4 o'clock yesterday at the home of the bride's parents on North Fifth avenue, Rev. Sims officiating. They left last night to make their home in Flagstaff, where the groom is connected with the Flagstaff Lumber Co.—Phoenix Gazette.

The bride and groom returned to Flagstaff Wednesday morning on the early train, which accounts for the lack of demonstration by their friends here in their honor.

Mrs. Wheat was one of the popular young ladies in the large class of graduates at the Normal this year.

Mr. Wheat is secretary and treasurer of the Flagstaff Lumber Co. and popular with the young people in Flagstaff.

The newly married couple will make their home in the Sliker bungalow on N. Leroux street.

NEW WESTERN FREIGHT RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 6

The new intermountain freight rates made recently by the western railroads will go into effect July 6, according to news received by local railroad traffic officials.

These rates were made more than eight months ago as the result of a sweeping revision of all intermountain freight traffic, and represent a practically new system of rates on a large number of commodities.

While the news has been received that the rates will go into effect July 6, local traffic men have not been informed as to the detailed changes, but it is the general opinion that the new rates will make general reductions in freight rates from eastern points to the west.